

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 32, 33, and 35-40, and ADD claims 41 and 42, as follows.

Claims 1-31 (canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus for executing a communication with a device, comprising:

~~a negotiation means for~~ unit configured to, in the case that the device receives a low power consumption mode transit request to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prohibit any transmission until the low power consumption mode is released, ~~executing~~ execute a predetermined negotiation with the device in order to prevent transiting a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prohibiting any transmission even though the device receives the low power consumption mode transit request; and

~~a first transmitting means for broadcasting~~ unit configured to broadcast the low power consumption mode transit request after said negotiation ~~means~~ unit executes the predetermined negotiation with the device; ~~and~~

~~second transmitting means for transmitting a signal to release both the low power consumption mode and a transmission prohibition after said communication apparatus communicates with the device.~~

33. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the communication is executed ~~[[by]]~~ using a Bluetooth system.

34. (Previously Presented) A communication apparatus according to claim 33, wherein the low power consumption mode is used for a low power consumption in a Bluetooth system.

35. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus for executing a communication with a device, comprising:

a negotiation means for unit configured to, in the case that the device receives a low power consumption mode transit request to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prohibit any transmission until the low power consumption mode is released, ~~executing~~ execute a predetermined negotiation with the device in order to prevent transiting from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prohibiting any transmission even though the device receives the low power consumption mode transit request;

a transmitting means for transmitting unit to transmit the low power consumption mode transit request after said negotiation ~~means~~ unit executes the predetermined negotiation with the device; and

a communicating means for communicating unit configured to communicate with the device, after said transmitting ~~means~~ unit transmits the low power consumption mode transit request, a mode of another device is transited from a present mode to the low power consumption mode and any transmission is prohibited.

36. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus for executing a communication with a device, comprising:

~~a negotiation means for executing~~ unit configured to execute a predetermined negotiation with the device before data transmission;

~~a receiving means for receiving~~ unit configured to receive a low power consumption mode transit request to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prohibit any transmission; and [[,]]

~~a control means~~ unit, in the case that said receiving ~~means~~ unit receives a low power consumption mode transit request to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode, ~~for transiting~~ configured to transit said communication apparatus from a present mode to a low consumption power mode and ~~controlling~~ control said communication apparatus to prohibit any transmission according to presence or absence of execution of the predetermined negotiation with the device by said negotiation unit means.

37. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus according to claim 36, wherein, in the case that said receiving ~~means~~ unit receives a signal to release a low power consumption mode, said control ~~means~~ unit executes a control to release both a low power consumption mode and a transmission prohibition.

38. (Currently Amended) A communication method wherein a communication apparatus communicates with a device, comprising:

a negotiation step[[,]] of, in the case that the device receives a low power consumption mode transit request to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prohibit any transmission until the low power consumption mode is released, executing a predetermined negotiation with the device in order to prevent transiting from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prohibiting any transmission even though the device receives the low power consumption mode transit request; and

a first transmission step, of broadcasting the low power consumption mode transit request after said negotiation step executes the predetermined negotiation with the device; ~~and~~

~~a second transmission step, of transmitting a signal to release both the low power consumption mode and a transmission prohibition after the communication apparatus communicates with the device.~~

39. (Currently Amended) A communication method of executing a communication with a device, comprising:

a negotiation step[[,]] of, in the case that the device receives a low power consumption mode transit request to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prohibit any transmission until the low power consumption mode is released, executing a predetermined negotiation with the device in order to prevent transiting from a present mode to a low power consumption mode even though the device receives the low power consumption mode transit request;

a transmission step[[,]] of transmitting the low power consumption mode transit request after said negotiation step executes the predetermined negotiation with the device; and

~~a communication step[[,]] of communicating with the device, after the low power consumption mode transit request is transmitted in said transmission step, a mode of another device is transited from a present mode to the low power consumption mode and any transmission is prohibited~~ transmitting the low power consumption mode transmit request in said transmission step, transiting another communication device from a present mode to the low power consumption mode, and after any transmission is prohibited, communicating with the device.

40. (Currently Amended) A communication method of executing a communication with a device, comprising:

a negotiation step[[,]] of executing a predetermined negotiation with the device before data transmission;

a receiving step[[,]] of receiving a low power consumption mode transit request to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode and prohibit any transmission,

a control step[[,]] of, in the case that a low power consumption mode transit request to transit from a present mode to a low power consumption mode is received in said step of receiving the low power consumption mode transit request, transiting the communication apparatus from a present mode to a low consumption power mode and controlling the communication apparatus to prohibit any transmission according to presence

or absence of execution of the predetermined negotiation with the device in said negotiation step.

41. (New) A communication apparatus according to claim 32, comprising a second transmitting unit configured to transmit a signal to release both the low power consumption mode and a transmission prohibition after said communication apparatus communicates with the device.

42. (New) A communication method according to claim 38, comprising a second transmission step, of transmitting a signal to release both the low power consumption mode and a transmission prohibition after the communication apparatus communicates with the device.